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## RALEIGH AND HER ATTRACTIONS

Interesting Story Of An Historic City And The Property of A Great State.

### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PROGRESS AND ITS WORK

The North Carolina Solons An Earnest Body of Men Who Are Seeking The Needs of The State And The Best Methods of Supplying Them.

BY T. R. BARROWS

A legislature is sometimes a body of men surrounded by much talk.

But Henderson county folks who have never witnessed a full grown able-bodied, so to speak, legislature actively at work, should pack their grips just as soon as their wives give permission and head towards Raleigh—a mighty attractive town, just plum full of the second nicest, most hospitable people in the world.

But the Old North State has a reasonable right to be proud of the personal, as they say in Asheville, of their legislative body. The members all seem so dead in earnest—so enthusiastic over their mission. And you can put it right down here and mark it that they are as shrewd and level headed a body of men as you will find under the dome of any capitol building in these United States.

With the Hon. William Carey Dowd in the chair, presiding as coolly and collectedly as he ever did over the Baptist Convention in Hendersonville, where he must have known he was in training for a more difficult task, the legislative wheels go 'round smoothly and with no lost motion—no loss of time.

In the lower house, Judge Ewart introduced the first bill of the session, on Thursday morning, and quickly followed it with two others. The Judge is getting along nicely here.

There are not many of his faith with him, it is true, but he is easily the most able of his party.

There's going to be scads of bills introduced—many of them road laws, and many again of these will provide for bond issues. Over in Jackson county, for instance, they intend to have good roads NOW, and Representative Brown will engineer the necessary legislation. Several townships in that county want to issue bonds and it is possible the whole county may decide to do the same thing.

Up to the present time there has been no legislation of peculiar interest to Henderson.

The State Capitol, a fine old building, of smooth cut stone, with many great stone columns, a massive structure in the centre of a magnificent square, makes a picture inspiring and impressive.

Vance, the tribune of the people, stands, a monument in enduring bronze, at one entrance to the building. The tall and stately shaft to the confederate dead is at another, and a very beautiful bronze of Worth Bagley, the "first fallen," the inscription reads, finds a place on the grounds.

The solid stone steps of the capitol are worn two inches deep and more by the feet of by-gone legislators—many of whom have written their names large on the pages of the world's history. Once inside, the senate and house chambers are reached by another and much longer flights of stone steps, the two rooms being separated by a circular hall. The senate chamber is smaller, more sedate, than the house where interesting things are happening any time you might care to mention.

In the lower house there's a row

of enormous stone columns towards the rear of the lofty domed hall. The flags of state and nation, draped across three of these columns, affords an effective background for the elevated desk of Speaker Dowd—who was elected to that office by unanimous vote of the house—the first time, by the way, such an honor has been conferred upon any North Carolina Speaker since 1835.

The desks are arranged in a half circle. The chairs are comfortable and the new lighting arrangement are superb. It is a fine show—the stone shafts supporting the lofty ceiling hall, the brilliant flags, the innumerable lights, the flags flying and scurrying around, and every so often—thump! goes the Speaker's gavel. It would be very nice indeed if Henderson voters who are masters in their own homes could come here and see their supreme law making body at work. As women don't vote, it would, of course, be unnecessary for them to tag along.

There's a sub-station postoffice in the building, and a refreshment and cigar stand which ought not to be there. It's not in keeping with the eternal fitness of things.

Facing the Capitol Square are two long buildings, one of frame, the other of brick and stone. In these buildings are the different departments, such as Supreme court, State Library, Attorney General, Commissioner M. L. Shipman's Department of Labor and Printing, Supt. Public Instruction the Agricultural Department the State Museum, the finest in South, and other branches of the State's work. Nearby is Meridith College, which seems like an old friend, and towards whose endowment nearly \$30,000 was subscribed at the Baptist Convention in Hendersonville.

It is surprising how many men prominent in the State you meet in Hendersonville. And it seems like they all come to Raleigh during the legislature. They all have a kind word for the home town of Commissioner Shipman and for its two newspapers—The Hustler and The Daily Herald. It feels good to have the names of the town and its two papers familiar to so many busy men so far from home.

Raleigh is well pleased with the census report. The town really should be counted as having 25,000 instead of nearly 20,000, for there are that many more living just outside the extremely contracted municipal limits. It is a very attractive city—streets wide and well kept, well lighted, good street car service, many handsome and costly buildings, notably the gigantic Masonic Temple. There are no large stores here—Asheville has better. There isn't a drug store here as handsome as any one of the three in Hendersonville. The water in the glass pitcher on Speaker Dowd's desk is not like that he had on his desk in the Henderson county court house, but Raleigh is a remarkably attractive city in every way.

There's crowds of well dressed

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## PUT OFF TRAIN

BROTHER CATES RECEIVES SEVERE TREATMENT BY THE HANDS OF CONDUCTOR.

### WOULD NOT PAY FARE

Refusing to Offer His Fare Other Than Mileage he Was Forced to Disembark.

Refusing to pay his fare other than with mileage Rev. Geo. C. Cates was forcibly ejected from "The Carolina Special" at the station of Arden last Friday while on his way from Canton to Hendersonville. From the accounts in the daily papers it is learned that Dr. Cates is now in the care of a physician at a hospital in Asheville recovering from injuries received from the affair.

Mr. Cates states that he did not have time when reaching Asheville to purchase a ticket on to Hendersonville. He hurried to get on the fast train. When the conductor asked for his ticket he was forced to show his mileage. This the conductor refused to accept, but as the story goes the conductor persistently offered to pay the preacher's way, but was refused. Mr. Cates would not pay his fare and was put off the train at the next station.

The affair is an unfortunate one, causing no little anxiety among Mr. Cates many strong friends in Hendersonville, who feel that he acted hastily, yet was not altogether in the wrong.

Bly Brothers, the well known hardware men have sold their entire mammoth stock of goods to Mr. A. C. Morris, who recently sold out his grocery business to S. J. Harris of Henderson county. Mr. Morris is now taking stock. He will be prepared in the next few days to open up and serve the public in anything in the hardware line.

## City Councilmen Balk at Light Bill

The city council last Thursday night refused to pass the city's monthly light bill, which was finally turned over to the light committee for suitable action. Some spirit arguments were made by various members of the board in reference to the service furnished by the Hendersonville Light & Power Company. It was the opinion of the board that some steps be taken before the new contract is made with the power company.

Mr. John L. Orr presented to the city council a petition signed by the leading citizens of Hendersonville directing the council to make a domonst rotation of "sand

## DISASTROUS FIRE

MISS ALLEN'S RESIDENCE BURNED TO GROUND ON 6TH AVENUE.

### FORCE OF WATER POOR

Fireman Fought Hard But to no Avail as High Wind Blew.

The home of Miss Kate Allen on 6th ave was totally destroyed by fire Monday during the middle of the day. With a high wind the flames were fanned at a furious rate, giving the occupants only time in saving the largest portion of the furnishings.

Neighbors saw the blaze first and notified Hendersonville's fire department, which pell mell made hast to the doomed residence. The firemen fought hard, under sevre difficulty of one measly little stream of water, with force hardly strong enough to throw water to the top of the house.

With the aid of bystanders near all the goods on the first and second floor were carried safely from the burning building. The furniture on the third floor was destroyed.

The loss of the dwelling is said to be in the neighborhood of \$3500 with about \$2700 insurance. The fire started from a defective flew in the rear A noticable fact while the fire was at its highest pitch, was the falling of the chimney supposed to have been the place where the fire started. This could not have been well constructed or it would have stood longer.

A well known insurance man at the fire was heard to remark that a great many of the houses now being erected were with similar chimneys making the dangers of fires among the residences of Hendersonville a serious problem.

The local fire company, considering their little practice in the modern ways of fighting fires are commended on their work of the fire last Monday. They did their best.

## HENDERSONVILLE COULD GET WESTERN NORMAL SCHOOL

Delegation asks Legislature to start Western Normal School.

### LOCKE CRAIG THE LEADER

Would Mean Eventually Millions to Henderson County.

Hustler Bureau, T. R. Barrows, Manager. Raleigh, Jan. 11.

A delegation arrived here headed by Locke Craig of Asheville in

the interest of a Western Normal School. A fight for the school will start immediately. An appropriation of \$20,000 will be asked for from the legislature.

If HENDERSONVILLE raises \$25,000 it may get the school, which means according to Dr. Winston, the foundation of the greatest school in the South, attended by thousands of teachers all over the United States and will eventually mean millions of dollars to the town in which it is located.

## CITIZENS BANK HELD STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY—ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

### IS IN GOOD CONDITION

With Sound Banking Principles, Directors Make Excellent Report for 1910.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizen's Bank was held in the Director's room of the bank on Tuesday afternoon January 10th, at which time and place the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. A. B. Drafts, F. A. Bly, Curtis Bynum, G. M. Glazener, M. F.

Whitt, W. A. Cannon, J. O. Williams, T. P. Mallorie, A. H. Hawkins, F. E. Durfee, E. W. Ewbank, and C. E. Brooks.

The reports were received for the years' business from the officers, which were highly gratifying to the stockholders. The condition of the bank was particularly pleasing to the stockholders—showing a continuance of the growth which has attended this Bank since its organization. This evidence of the continuous growth and steadiness of this bank is nothing more than was to be expected of an institution under the guidance of the gentlemen whose names appear on its board of directors.

The former officers were re-elected by the directors, these being: F. E. Durfee, President; E. W. Ewbank, Vice President; C. E. Brooks, Cashier.

### RIP VAN WINKLE HERE.

The first attraction of the Lyceum course secured by the citizens of Hendersonville will appear at the court house on Friday, January 13, at 8:30 p. m.

The entertainment consists of the four act play "Rip Van Winkle," and will be presented by Herbert A. Sprague and Floy Mahan Sprague. Mr. Sprague stands today unsurpassed in the interpretation of Rip Van Winkle.

The dreamy old legend of Rip Van Winkle clings to the American people more closely than any other written story. We know that he was as much a fancy of a great brain as were the gray bearded ghosts of Hendrick Hudson and his men; but Rip, the jolly vagabond, and Rip, the pathetic hero of twenty-years' sleep, are more real to us than Irving, whose hand penned the immortal picture.

Since Joseph Jefferson passed from the stage of life, no actor in this country has presented "Rip Van Winkle" as does Herbert Sprague. Mr. Sprague is ably assisted by Mrs. Floy Mahan Sprague, whose splendid work is a feature of this excellent program. Fun, wit, humor and pathos abound in the play and one of the finest entertainments ever brought here is placed at the disposal of our people.

The proceeds are for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Club of Hendersonville, and for this reason, if for no other, the undertaking deserves the hearty support of all citizens who have the interests of our young men at heart.

Mr. H. C. Meyer will manage the series of four entertainments, and is not only serving the public in this manner; but is making possible a great and lasting work for the community by turning over the proceeds to the newly organized Young Men's Christian Club.

Season tickets for the four entertainments at two dollars and single admission tickets at fifty cents each may be obtained at Hunter's pharmacy or from Mr. Meyer.

## INFANT BURNED

FOURTEEN MONTHS' OLD CHILD SUGGOMBED BY RAGING FLAMES.

### LEFT BY THE MOTHER

Only a Few Minutes out of House, Returned to Find Ghostly Sight.

Leaving her child a few minutes while she could go out side and water the cows Mrs. Rutledge Nix returned to her home to find her child rolling in flames, which had gained such head way that the little one died before the flames were extinguished.

It is thought that the child crawled too close to the open fire place and part of its clothes caught fire. The infant was only 14 months of age. The parents receive the full sympathy of the town in their bereavement. Mr. Nix lived out on the Crab Creek road.

### Stockholders Meet.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank was held Tuesday afternoon in the directors rooms. The condition of the bank was shown to be in a flourishing condition.

The directors met immediately afterwards and all the former officers were unanimously re-elected for 1911.

### Vacancy at County Home.

Notice is hereby given that on the first Monday in February 1911, bids will be received for filling the position as Superintendent of the county home.

All persons interested will appear before the board and file their application.

This Jan. 10, 1911. W. P. BANE, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

## GEORGE C. CATES. DENIES REPORTS--ENTERS SUIT.

UPON THE ADVICE OF FRIENDS POPULAR MINISTER WILL ASK FOR DAMAGES FROM RAILROAD COMPANY.

Biltmore, N. C., January 11, 1911.

To the Public:

Since I was injured by the employees of the Southern Railway Company at Arden, N. C., many publications of the affair have been called to my attention, none of which is true.

I beg the public to suspend judgment in regard to this matter until the action which I have directed to be brought in my name against the Southern Railway Company, for the personal injuries done me shall be tried.

I had not expected to bring this suit, being averse to anything of the kind as a minister of the Gospel, but my friends without exception, knowing the facts in the case, advise me that it is my duty to vindicate my character and thus prevent reflections upon the cause for which I am giving my life.

GEORGE C. CATES.